

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: January 23, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 1959 - SB 1982**

This bill, if enacted, will place certain amendments, adopted by the 1995 House which were removed by Senate Action, back into the revised adoption law.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be minimal.

The Office of Children's Services disagrees with this estimated fiscal impact and indicates that the language regarding notification to parents prior to filing of the petition to terminate parental rights will cause children to remain in foster care longer. The Office of Children's Services estimates this cost to exceed \$100,000. We do not agree that this will require any more than the current procedure of the Department of Human Services and will not effect the current length of stay of abandoned children in foster care. The Department of Human Services did not indicate any fiscal impact with regard to notification provisions in 1995.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director